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TITLE OF INVENTION

PIVOTING FRAME SUSPENSION SCOOTER

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR

1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Chris Martin on 6 September, 2001.

The claims have been amended as follows:

1. (twice amended) A motor powered scooter comprising:

a front steered wheel;

a rear driven wheel;

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a forward frame including a main structural element having a head tube mounted to a forward end thereof;

a fork rotatably mounted in said head tube and supporting the front steered wheel;

a platform mounted to a top surface of the main structural tube for supporting a rider thereon;

a rear frame half pivotally mounted to the main structural element and rotationally mounting the rear driven wheel;

a shock absorber pivotally mounted at one end to the forward frame at a first point, and at another end to the rear frame half at a second point;

said second point being located above said first point during operation;

a motor mounted to the rear frame half and being operationally connected to the rear driven wheel.

2~~x~~ (twice amended) The motor powered scooter of claim ¹~~4~~, wherein:
the shock absorber mount is a bracket.

3~~x~~ (twice amended) The motor powered scooter of claim ²~~3~~, wherein:
the bracket includes a plurality of mounting holes for mounting the shock absorber.

D, 4~~x~~ (twice amended) The motor powered scooter of claim ³~~3~~, wherein:
the plurality of holes in the mounting bracket are so oriented that positioning the shock absorber into any hole does not change the orientation between the frame halves.

5~~x~~ (twice amended) The motor powered scooter of claim ¹~~4~~, further comprising:
a bracket mounted at a rear end of the main structural element and extending through a notch in said platform.

6~~x~~ (twice amended) The motor powered scooter of claim ¹~~4~~, wherein:
the shock absorber includes a compressive coil.

P2 7¹⁰ (new) A motor powered scooter comprising:
a front steered wheel;
a rear driven wheel;

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a main structural element having a head tube mounted to a forward end thereof;
a fork rotatably mounted in said head tube and supporting the front steered wheel;
a platform mounted to a top surface of the main structural element for supporting a rider thereon;

a bracket mounted at a rear end of the main structural element and extending through a notch in said platform;

a rear frame half pivotally mounted to the main structural element and rotationally mounting the rear driven wheel;

Dg a shock absorber pivotally mounted at one end to the bracket, and at another end to the rear frame half;

a motor mounted to the rear frame half and being operationally connected to the rear driven wheel.

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11 (new) A motor powered scooter comprising:

a front steered wheel;
a rear driven wheel;
a folding handle bar;
a forward frame including a main structural element having a head tube mounted to a forward end thereof;

a fork rotatably mounted in said head tube and supporting the front steered wheel;
a platform mounted to a the main structural element for supporting a rider thereon;
a rear frame half pivotally mounted to the main structural element and rotationally

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mounting the rear driven wheel;

D₂ a shock absorber pivotally mounted at one end to the forward frame, and at another end to the rear frame half;

a motor mounted to the rear frame half and being operationally connected to the rear driven wheel.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The main reason for the allowance of claim 4 is that the prior art fails to disclose a vehicle having a motor mounted on a rear frame half, the rear frame half pivotally mounted to the main structural element, a shock absorber attached to the forward frame at a first point and to the rear frame half at a second point, the second point being located above the first point in operation. The main reason for the allowance of claim 10 is that the prior art fails to disclose a vehicle having a motor mounted on a rear frame half, the rear frame half pivotally mounted to the main structural element, and a bracket mounted at a rear end of the main structural element and extending through a notch in the platform. The main reason for the allowance of claim 11 is that the prior art fails to disclose a vehicle having a motor mounted on a rear frame half, the rear frame half pivotally mounted to a main structural element, and including a folding handle bar.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Hurley whose telephone number is 703-308-0233. The


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examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday from 8:30am to 5:00pm The examiner can also be reached on alternate Mondays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai can be reached on 703-308-2486. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-308-7687 for regular communications and 703-308-2571 for draft communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1113.

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07 September, 2001

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